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Appointment of the Tiruvallur Circle Temple Committee.

*2006 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the term of the Tiruvallur Circle Temple Committee expired on the 30th November 1928; and

(b) if so, why no fresh committee was appointed by Government up to date?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The appointment of a fresh committee has been unavoidably delayed but it is hoped that orders will issue shortly.

Nominations to temple committees.

*2007 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a practice observed by the Government in nominating members of temple committees, that only such persons as are qualified to be voters at elections to the committee in the circle should be nominated members; and

(b) whether the Government observe the practice strictly?

A.—Under section 26 (1) (a) of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926, no person can be appointed to a temple committee whose name is not borne on the electoral roll of the area. This can, however, apply only to appointments made after such a roll has been prepared. The Government have not committed themselves to any definite practice in regard to appointments to first committees.

Diversion of Tirupati Devastanam funds for University purposes.

*2008 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been made to him that it is possible to run a university for the five districts of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur and Chittoor at Tirupati if funds may be diverted from the Tirupati Devastanam income; and

(b) whether a Bill has been prepared in that behalf?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 37 of the Administration Report of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board for fasli ending with 30th June 1928, which has been published. Government have nothing to add to the information given in that paragraph.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the discussions with the trustee that was spoken of in the report have been held and whether with his consent anything has been decided to be done, and if so, what further scheme is contemplated?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"As far as I am aware, no further scheme is contemplated."